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BRITISH POLITICAL CRISIS.

RESIGNATION OF MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

MR. BONAR LAW TO FORM MINISTRY.

CONSERVATIVES BREAK FROM COALITION.

London, October 19.

To a delegation of the Miners' Federation which visited him in Downing Street, the Premier announced that His Majesty the King has accepted his resignation.

Later.

Mr. Bonar Law has undertaken the formation of a Ministry.

Conservatives Independent.

London, October 19.

A meeting of Unionists at the Carlton Club decided by 186 votes to 57 in favour of going to the country as an independent Conservative Party.

A Mixed Reception.

London, October 19.

A crowd gathered early in the neighbourhood of the Carlton Club to witness arrivals at the momentous Unionist Conference which was to decide the fate of the Coalition.

There was some excitement when the Independent Conservative, Mr. Erskine, and the aged Viscount Chaplin, both of whom were not invited, arrived, as the former had been talking of forcing an entrance. Both were quietly admitted, the police restraining the rush of pressmen, who expected a scuffle. Mr. Erskine left in a few minutes, saying he was unable to force an entrance into the meeting room, but Viscount Chaplin remained inside, though not allowed to participate in the proceedings.

The arrivals were witnessed in silence till Mr. Bonar Law appeared and was cheered. Later cheers and boos greeted Mr. Chamberlain, while Lord Birkenhead smilingly acknowledged the boos and cries of "Judast." Earl Balfour was given an ovation, being greeted by cheering and hand-clapping.

Mr. Chamberlain Ignored.

Mr. Chamberlain was cheered on taking the chair. He strongly urged the maintenance of the Coalition and appealed for Conservative unity.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, on behalf of himself and his colleague, Sir A. Griffith Boscawen, opposed the continuance of the Coalition and suggested that the decision be postponed till the meeting of the Unionist Association.

Mr. Pleyman moved a resolution, opining that the Conservatives were willing to co-operate with the Coalition Liberals, but they should fight the election independently, with their own leader and programme.

Several members, including Mr. Bonar Law, who was given an ovation, supported the motion.

Earl Balfour and Col. Leslie Wilson wholeheartedly supported Mr. Chamberlain.

No motion of confidence in Mr. Chamberlain was submitted. The adoption of Mr. Pleyman's motion was communicated to the Premier by Sir Philip Sassoon.

Unionist Ministers Resign.

London, October 19.

The Carlton vote, which would have been a huge surprise yesterday, was practically a foregone conclusion after the Party Executive's decision and the Newport result, but the size of the majority proved a sensation. Mr. Bonar Law's speech is regarded as accountable therefor. He said he had reached the conclusion that the Government had lost the confidence of the country, and mentioned that he warned the Government some time ago that the effect of the Coalition would be to drive the country into the arms of Labour.

The vote had an expected result in the announcement of the resignation of a number of Unionist Ministers, namely Col. Leslie Wilson, Sir Griffith Boscawen, Col. Amery, Col. Peel, Mr. Baldwin, Capt. King, Col. Buckley, Sir J. L. Baird and Sir Lloyd Greame, and the King's return to receive Mr. Lloyd George in audience.

Those in close touch with the Premier said the latter anticipated the result of the meeting and was in no wise depressed. On the contrary, he was in excellent spirits when he received the figures.

Mr. Bonar Law, who after the meeting was warmly congratulated by a number of those present, is regarded as the possible head of the next Government.

King Receives Premier.

London, October 19.

The Premier has conferred with leading members of the Cabinet, after which he had an audience with His Majesty at Buckingham Palace, the King returning specially from Sandringham.

Mr. Bonar Law's Explanation.

London, October 19.

Mr. Bonar Law explained to His Majesty that his acceptance of the task of forming a Ministry was dependent upon his election as Unionist Leader by the meeting of members of the House of Lords and House of Commons of the same political complexion as he represented, the Conservatives being at present without an official recognised leader.

It is understood that this meeting of Parliamentarians will possibly be held on Sunday.

Story of the Crisis.

London, October 19.

An account of to-day's events, officially gathered at No. 10, Downing Street, shows that Mr. Lloyd George in tendering his resignation, advised His Majesty to summon Mr. Bonar Law.

It transpires that, in accordance with a pre-arranged plan in the event of defeat at the Carlton Club, Mr. Chamberlain went direct to Downing Street after the meeting to surrender office.

Later, other leading Ministers did the same at a meeting with Mr. Lloyd George prior to his seeing His Majesty.

Mr. Lloyd George's Leeds engagement on Saturday holds good (but his speech will be made in a different capacity).

Later in the evening, Mr. Lloyd George presided at a meeting of Coalition Liberals in the Ministry. The proceedings were strictly private.

Mr. Lloyd George's visit to His Majesty lasted twenty minutes. In view of the change in the political position, the Nationalist Unionist Association has decided to abandon the special emergency conference and also to postpone the annual conference, fixed for Nov. 15, sine die.

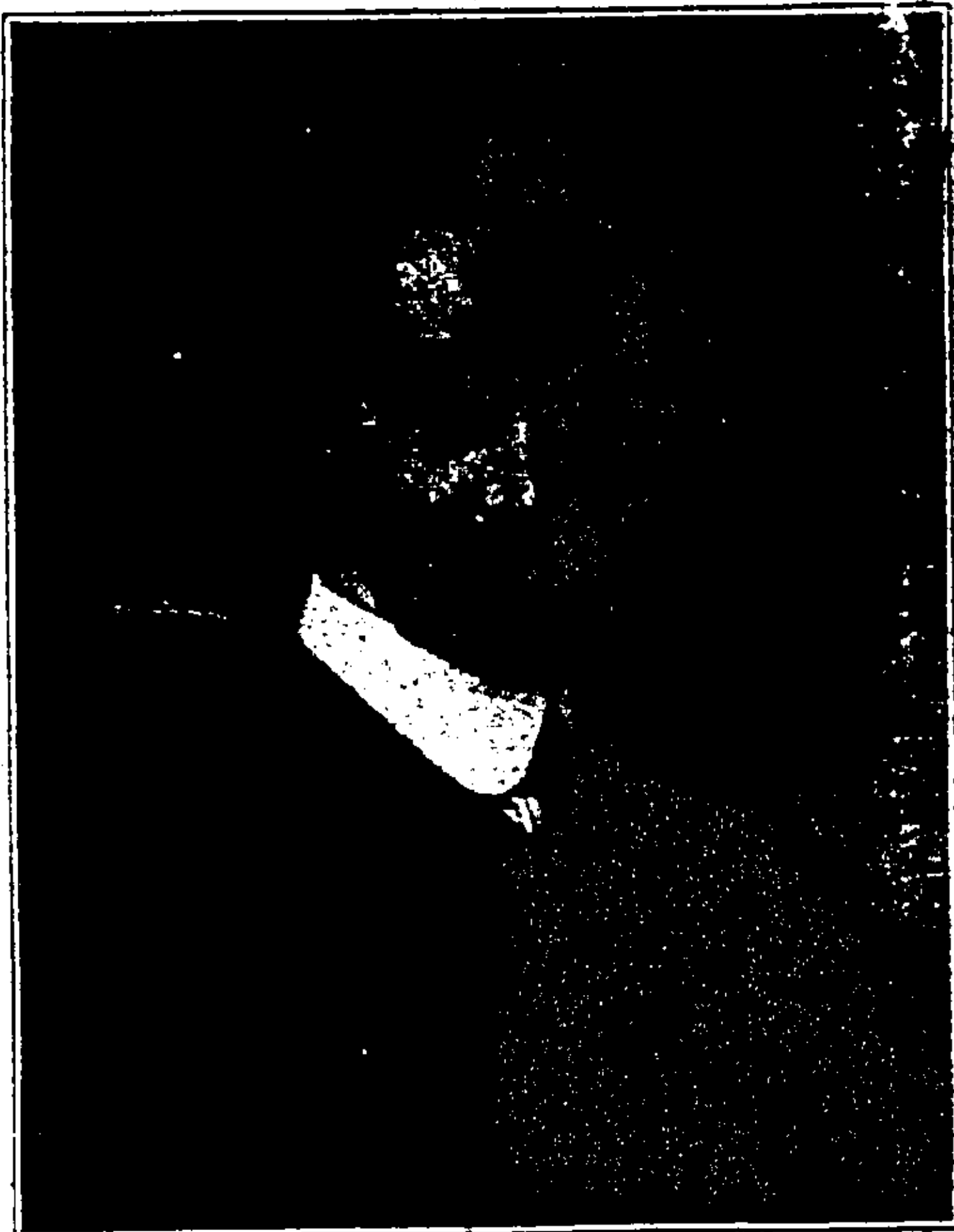
Mr. Bonar Law's visit to His Majesty, when he undertook the task of forming a Ministry, lasted twenty minutes.

Labour Ready.

The Labour Party Headquarters report that plans are complete for an immediate election.

THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

The Old and New Leaders.



MR. BONAR LAW.

Mr. Bonar Law, who is 63 years of age, was Chancellor of Exchequer from 1916 to 1919, and Colonial Secretary from May, 1915, to December, 1916. Before taking up politics was a Glasgow iron merchant; entered Parliament 1900, and established himself by a single speech: Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, 1902-03. Lost his seat in 1906 election, but was returned for Dulwich; recognised as a powerful advocate of Tariff Reform in the House. He succeeded Mr. Balfour as leader of Unionist Party, November 13, 1911. His energetic leadership was a rallying force in 1913, notably on the Home Rule question. Joined the Coalition Cabinet in May, 1915, as Secretary for the Colonies. In new Ministry became Chancellor of the Exchequer. In 1918 he became Leader of the House, but resigned Cabinet office in March last year under medical orders.

Unionists Praise Mr. Lloyd George.

London, October 20.

A high tribute to Mr. Lloyd George and strong disagreement at the action adopted by the meeting at the Carlton Club are expressed in a notable manifesto signed by Coalition Unionist Ministers headed by Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Birkenhead, Earl Balfour, Sir Robert Horne, Sir Worthington Evans and Lord Lee.

The signatories point out that the resolution passed meant that the Conservative Party would not consent to Mr. Lloyd George retaining the Premiership after a successful election, however much he and his party contribute to the result. The signatories said they could not convey such a message.

After glowingly eulogising the Premier's services, no less after than during the war, in handling domestic and foreign problems, the writers criticise the attitude of members of their own party who invited them to send the Premier a letter of dismissal.

A Dramatic Decision.

London, October 19.

The decision of the Unionist Executive, which, it is important to remember, controls the Party war chest, in convoking an emergency Party Conference, was the most dramatic incident in recent political history, because it was in direct defiance of Mr. Chamberlain, as repudiating, beforehand, the decision of the meeting he has convoked at the Carlton Club to-day, and was clearly directed against a compromise, which, it had been freely suggested, would be the outcome of to-day's meeting. The Executive considers that the Carlton meeting will not be sufficiently representative.

The decision startled Downing Street, where Mr. Chamberlain immediately convoked a meeting of Conservative Ministers at his residence, at which the situation was protractedly discussed. The Conservative Press to-day expressed the hope that Mr. Bonar Law would intervene at the meeting at the Carlton Club and somehow save the situation.

Newport Bye-Election Result.

London, October 19.

The bye-election at Newport, consequent upon the death of Mr. L. Haslam (Coalition Liberal), resulted as follows:—

Mr. Clarry (Conservative) 13,515
Mr. Bowen (Labour) 11,425
Mr. Moore (Liberal) 8,841

This is the first bye-election since the formation of the Coalition at which all the candidates were standing independently, none receiving Government support or supporting the Government.

France Relieved.

Paris, October 19.

There was much excitement in the Chamber of Deputies at the news of the resignation of the British Government. The predominant feeling was one of relief.

NEW ARGENTINE LOAN.

Washington, October 19.

The Argentine Government has received bids for a loan of a hundred million dollars from a group of American bankers, to replace the 212 million dollar loan which the Argentine Congress has not ratified.



MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

Mr. Lloyd George, who is 58 years of age, has been Prime Minister since Dec. 1916; was Minister of Munitions of War from May, 1915, to July, 1916; became Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1908, after making a great reputation at the Board of Trade. Has been in Parliament since 1890. His Budget of 1909, containing far-reaching proposals, roused a great political storm, and led to the General Election of 1910. He introduced the National Insurance Bill in 1911. He added to his reputation by the measures he took in finance in war-time. In Coalition Ministry undertook the new office of Minister of Munitions, and on the death of Lord Kitchener became Secretary for War. In Dec. 1916, on the resignation of the Coalition Ministry, was called to form a new Government as Prime Minister. He formed a new Ministry after the General Election in December, 1918.

CABLE SERVICES TO THE FAR EAST.

Supplementary Line to Ensure Rapid Communication.

London, October 19.

At the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. meeting (see Earlier, Cables) Sir John Denison Pender said that a contract had been entered into with the Telegraph Construction Company for laying a cable from Colombo to Penang, which he hoped would be working by April next, after which it was confidently hoped to give a good fast service to the Far East by having a margin in cable capacity in the event of temporary interruptions of the main cables.

The restoration of the Great Northern Telegraph Company's service to the Far East had hitherto not been quite satisfactory owing to difficulties, but he hoped the service would soon improve.

CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL FUTURE.

Lesson from the West.

London, October 19.

Doctor Fong San, of Shanghai, interviewed in London, dwelt on the inevitable service his fellow-countrymen could render China by learning English. Alternatively, they could benefit by obtaining an insight into Western thought through the medium of translated volumes. He said that China must do her utmost to avoid the terrible industrial conditions now disgracing the West, but would welcome advice from such people as Miss Agatha Harrison, of the London School of Economics, now in China.

SURPLUS STOCKS RAPIDLY DIMINISHING.

Chairman of Armstrong's Anticipates Revival.

London, October 19.

At the annual meeting of Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., the Chairman said that depression was due to the deliberate withholding of orders in the hope that prices would be still further reduced, but stocks throughout the world were rapidly becoming exhausted, and the policy of buying from hand to mouth must in the near future result in the placing of larger orders.

PEKING TO LHASA.

Officers' Big Walk.

Sinai, October 19.

Brigadier-General George Pereira has arrived at Lhasa from Peking. He walked 3,500 out of 6,000 miles. [Brigadier-General Pereira, born 1865, was military attaché to Peking from 1905 to 1910. He served in China 1900, South Africa, and the European war.]

ABERDEEN DOCKS.

Rumours of a Sale.

There are rumours in circulation, of which we have been unable to secure confirmation, that the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is disposing of the docks at Aberdeen. No information is available as to the probable purchasers.

The Aberdeen docks—there are two, known respectively as the Hope Dock and the Lamont Dock—were started in the early days of the Colony's history by Mr. John Lamont, and the undertaking was later taken over by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, which was formed in 1865. The docks have not been in regular use for many years now, though on occasion they have been called into requisition under pressure of big orders.

As a consequence of the rumours of the sale of the Aberdeen establishment, Dock shares are much in demand at present, this morning's quotation being \$189, buyers.

FOOTBALL.

Kowloon v. South China.

The following will represent Kowloon in the above fixture:—Townsend; Wheeler, Knight; Morrison, King, Pasco; Millard, Hall, Mason, A. Duncan, Coombs, Roserby; G. Duncan.

This will be the first match in the Senior League played in Kowloon for about 12 years, and the game should be an excellent one.

Club v. R.G.A.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Football Club in their League game with the R.G.A. at Sookunpoo tomorrow:—Rodger; Israel, McPhail (Capt.), Logan, Stewart, Moore, Purvis, Forsyth, Bagg, Valentine and England.

CHINESE BOXER.

Issues a Challenge.

This morning we have another call from "Battling Key," the Chinese boxer, who is here seeking contests. He stated that there was no prospect of an early match with a naval man, as the Fleet will not be returning until next month, and he is anxious to fix up a fight with someone, in order to keep in training. He stated that he was prepared to issue a challenge to any military or civilian boxer in the light-weight class.

"Battling Key" will be seen in action at the V.R.C. this evening.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

"False Faces" is the title of an attractive picture showing at the Kowloon Theatre to-night.—Page 7.

The value of milk as a food is told by the Dairy Farm on page 7. "Pitfalls of a Big City" is being screened at the World Theatre to-night.—Page 4.

LISTEN!

The competitor worth watching is the one who keeps right on advertising.

At the Star Theatre to-night is being shown "A Very Good Young Man."—Page 12.

There are special dancers engaged to perform at R. pulse Bay Hotel to-morrow night.—Page 3. The Russian Follies are appearing at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday and Thursday.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 5 1/2d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer 30.14. Low clouds, light breeze, rain.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

London, Oct. 19.

The latest development in the political situation is the sudden decision of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Conservative Associations last evening to call an emergency session of the organisation early next week, doubtless because the party conference fixed for 15th November will be too late to give effect to matters. The move was taken without the cognisance of the Unionist Ministers.

It is stated that Mr. Bonar Law intends to attend and address a meeting of Conservative M.P.s. at the Carlton Club to-day.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, speaking at Colchester last evening, said a general election was necessary with no avoidable delay.

Armistice Day (11th Nov.) is mentioned in the press as a possible polling day.

A War Office circular states inter alia that in the event of an early general election it will be fought on the Autumn register, which came into force on 15th October.

The Newport result was most surprising. Even the Conservatives last evening anticipated a Labour victory. The electorate totals 40,000, of whom 17,000 are women, who voted heavily. It is stated that many Trade Unionists resented the Socialistic atmosphere and methods of the Labour Party; otherwise it is difficult to account for what is regarded as an electoral freak. It is declared in some papers that the country will probably see in the election the most complete condemnation of the Coalition. The real significance of the result lies in the heavy defeat of Labour expectations.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY.

London, Oct. 19.

Sir John Denison Pender, presiding at the annual meeting of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, said the gross receipts for 1921 were £2,394,000, compared with £2,515,000 last year. The decrease was due to the trade depression. Working expenses were £1,052,000 compared with £1,196,000.

FOR THE FAR EAST TRADE.

London, Oct. 19.

The Caledon Shipbuilding and Engineering Company has contracted to construct two large freighters for the trade between Britain and the Far East. They will be of 3,000 tons, speed 14 knots, and propelled by reciprocating steam engines.

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

London, Oct. 19.

Lieut. Commander H. F. Maxse, of the Foreign Office, has been appointed Third Secretary to the British Embassy at Tokio, where he will arrive on 30th November via Canada.

THE TURKS AND THE ALLIES.

Constantinople, Oct. 15.

The Allied High Commissioners and Generals have unanimously decided not to allow the Nationalist gendarmerie going to Thrace to traverse Constantinople.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR.

Geneva, Oct. 19.

At the International Labour Conference the Chairman, Lord Bunsen, referred to the gratifying fact that Japan had already ratified two of the draft conventions and proposes to ratify others.

OBITUARY.

London, Oct. 19.

The death has occurred of Mr. Edward Ernest Coxwell, one time Professor at Tokyo University.

EARL OF CAVAN ENGAGED.

London, Oct. 19.

The engagement is announced of General the Earl of Cavan, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, to Lady Joan Mutholland, daughter of the Earl of Stafford.

MORO BANDITS.

Morocco, Oct. 19.—The bandits of the city of Marrakech have been driven out of the city by the Moroccan army. The bandits had been in the city for some time, and had been causing much trouble. The Moroccan army has now driven them out, and they have fled to the mountains. The Moroccan army has now driven them out, and they have fled to the mountains.

HOME FOOTBALL.

London, Oct. 19.—In the Inter-League Soccer match, the Scottish League beat the Irish League by three goals to nil at Glasgow.

BANQUE

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Peking, Oct. 19.—The manager of the Banque Industrielle has told Reuters that the Banque's branches in China will be open certainly not much later than 1st November.

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TAIKOO SPORT.

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Prizes.

To mark the close of the season's sporting activities, a very enjoyable function was held at the Taikoo Club last night, when Miss Templeton presented the awards to the successful competitors in bowls and in the recent swimming gala. The Club Hall, beautifully decorated for the occasion with bunting and pot plants, held a large and enthusiastic gathering, including a large proportion of ladies, practically all the Taikoo community being present.

Mr. J. Reid, the popular manager of the Dockyard, made a genial Chairman. He was supported by Mr. Reid, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hill, Messrs. H. C. Resker, K. E. Greig, R. McGregor and J. W. Paton.

A splendid musical programme was rendered, items being contributed by Mrs. W. J. Hill, Mrs. R. K. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod, Miss Russell, Mr. A. B. Allen, Mr. J. Laing and Master G. Ferguson.

A Successful Season.

The Chairman, before calling upon Miss Templeton to distribute the prizes, made a short address, during the course of which he referred to the many keenly contested games witnessed on the old greens during the past season. The standard of play, Mr. Reid said, was well up to the standard expected from the Taikoo Club. The Club finished second in the League, close behind the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the winners. Mr. Reid assured the representatives of the Kowloon Club that Taikoo did not in the least begrudge them their victory, but were looking forward to giving them as close a light for championship honours next season (Applause). The Singles Championship of the Colony had yet to be played, between the old veteran Mr. W. G. Gerrard and the new veteran, Mr. R. C. Wallace. He had no doubt it would be a very excellent game and he hoped the best man would win. In a passing reference to the old bowling green, Mr. Reid spoke of the many happy and keen fights which had taken place there, and said that whilst they regretted parting with the old green he had no doubt that under the careful supervision of Mr. Hardwick, their new green would be as good, if not better, than the old. He looked forward to seeing all his old friends on the new green next season.

Reid having dwelt on the increasing interest being taken in the good old game of lawn bowls and on the opening on Saturday of a new green at Kowloon Dock, mentioned that in addition to the bowls trophies there would be presented that evening prizes won in the successful swimming gala, the first held at Taikoo, last Saturday. (Applause).

Mr. J. Russell, the Chairman of the Club, spoke of the successful and strenuous activities of the Club during the past year and of the good fellowship and sportsmanship which had been displayed.

Miss Templeton then gracefully presented the prizes as under:

Swimming Prizes.

Girls under 12 (50 yards handicap): 1, Betty Laing; 2, M. Hansen; 3, Ella Stewart.

Boys under 12 (50 yards handicap): 1, Jas. Sloan; 2, J. McCubbin; 3, A. McCubbin.

Long Plunge, Ladies: 1, C. Polly; 2, Betty Laing; 3, Ina Morrison.

Long Plunge, Gents: 1, G. Angus; 2, W. Polly; 3, W. Gardiner.

Girls under 14 yards (50 yards handicap): 1, M. Wallace; 2, B. Hardwick; 3, M. Hansen.

High Dive: 1, J. Gardiner; 2, J. Ashcroft.

100 yards Handicap, Gents: 1, W. Polly; 2, J. Gardiner; 3, P. Morrison.

100 yards Handicap, Ladies: 1, C. Polly; 2, I. Morrison; 3, M. Wallace.

100 yards Championship, Gents: 1, C. Polly; 2, I. Morrison.

100 yards Championship, Gents: 1, Wm. Polly; 2, J. Ashcroft.

Libeboy Race (Boys): 1, J. McCubbin; 2, G. Dickens; Girls: 1, Jennie Sloan; 2, B. Hardwick.

Bowls Prizes.

Club Championship (presented by Mr. D. Templeton)—1, J. Ferguson; 2, R. C. Wallace; 3, G. McLeod.

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Two Bowls Handicap (presented by Messrs. Carmichael and Clark).—1, T. Grimes; 2, T. Young; 3, W. Wotherspoon.

Pairs, two bowls each player.—1, (presented by Mr. J. Dalziel), G. McLeod and T. Grimes; 2, (presented by Mr. H. C. Resker), N. Drummond and E. Moore.

Pairs, four bowls (presented by Mr. W. J. Hill).—1, N. Drummond and J. Wade; 2, E. Barker and J. Sloan.

Rink Competition (presented by Mr. K. E. Greig and Mr. J. W. Paton).—1, N. Drummond, J. McCubbin, G. Matthews and E. Barker; 2, R. C. Wallace, T. Bateman, W. Crichton and D. McIntyre.

Singles, confined to those who have never won a prize (presented by Mr. C. T. Edkins).—1, T. Grimes; 2, T. Young; 3, J. Laing.

Miss Templeton was presented with a beautiful bouquet by little Miss May Morrison.

Reminiscences.

Mr. D. Templeton, in a speech in reminiscent vein, proposed the health of the guests. He recalled the times in years past when Taikoo sports were held on New Year's Day, and practically the whole Colony went down to Quarry Bay to see them. If they looked up the prints of twenty odd years ago they would find, he said, standing out as the event for New Year day, the sports at Taikoo. They were a small community then and Hongkong was not so big as it was now.

The origin of the recreation ground dated back to 1891. It was then a tiny sandy bay, the termination of the valley above the present No. 4 dam. In that year the erection of the dam was begun, a sea wall was built across the bay, and the excavation for the site formed a piece of good flat ground. The whole area was not required for the Refinery's activities and part was set aside for a football field. At that time football was very popular, matches being played between ships, and other clubs. Taikoo had then almost as great a reputation for football as it now has for bowls.

The first sports meeting, Mr. Templeton said, was held on New Year's day, 1892. He was in this prize six times; 2, R. C. Wallace; 3, G. McLeod.

participants that the prizes were walking sticks and pipes. In 1895 cycle races were introduced and the events were open to all comers. A cycle track was formed, remnants of which he remembered seeing in 1902.

In 1901 the ground was sold to the then Quarry Bay shipyard, now the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company (Hongkong) Ltd. A new recreation ground was made and opened on New Year's Day, 1902. Cricket and football matches were very popular. It was not until about 1906 or 1907 that bowling came into fashion. The football field was given up and two rinks prepared on the old tennis courts. The first championship, played in 1908-9, was won by Mr. John McIntyre.

During the course of some further remarks Mr. Templeton mentioned the names of Mr. Perry, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Grimshaw, original workers who still took an interest in the Club's affairs. He mentioned that Mr. McKirdy held the blue ribbon in every cycling event in the Colony for many years. He believed Mr. Hardwick imported the first bicycles into Quarry Bay. Mr. Templeton, in conclusion, spoke of the debt of gratitude they owed the pioneers. He extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and thanked them for their presence.

Mr. W. G. Gerrard having replied, thanking the Taikoo Club for its open-handed generosity, the pleasant proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

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WING WOO STREET MURDER.

Alleged Murderers Charged.

Two men named Chiu Nam and Li Shing-cheung were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Magistracy yesterday with murder, and with being concerned in an armed robbery on the night of the 20th. September. The murder followed a robbery on the premises of the Kwong Tak Loong import and export firm, 26 Wing Woo Street, the victim being Detective Sergeant Sin Chuen, who was shot by one of the robbers during the chase.

Prosecuting for the Crown, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, outlined the circumstances of the robbery leading up to the arrest of the defendants. He said that at 7.15 on September 20th, a gang of four or five robbers gained access to the first and second floors of 26 Wing Woo Street, the offices of the Kwong Tak Loong firm, by representing that they were bearers of presents for one of the employees who was sick. Whipping out arms the robbers bound and gagged four foks on the first floor, and afterwards proceeded to the second floor, after leaving a guard at the head of the stairs and another on the first floor. The treatment meted out to the people on the second floor was the same as the other foks, and from the manager of the firm the robbers managed to get the keys of the safes, which were all on the first floor. The safes were systematically searched and from them the robbers stole \$1,850 in Hongkong currency, approximately \$1,000 in American money, and a quantity of gold coins and Mexican silver dollars. Probably realising the danger of interruption from outside, the intruders pulled down the blinds in the front rooms of both floors and extinguished the lights, only leaving burning on the first storey lights above the stair landing and in the rear cubicle, and on the second floor one light in the accountant's office.

An Astute School Boy.

While the search was in progress a number of employees who had been out during the early part of the evening, and visitors, came into the shop. Immediately they reached the head of the stairs they were seized by the robber guard and pulled into the house, where they were bound and gagged, and, if they were well-to-do, searched and relieved of their money. Both defendants were identified as being members of the robber gang, Chiu Nam being alleged to have acted as a guard and, during the robbery, having run up and down from floor to floor as if on patrol. Li Shing-cheung stood guard over the foks who were made prisoners on the first floor. His identification, said Mr. Hazlerigg, was particularly creditable because it was made by a school boy who was observant and astute enough from the first entry of the robbers to suspect something wrong and to take off his wrist watch and hide it. Half an hour after the house was broken into, a police whistle was heard in the street, but who it was that gave the alarm was not known. The robbers bolted, and immediately afterwards, while perhaps some of the desperadoes were in the house, shouts were heard in the street.

The Murder.

Mr. Hazlerigg then dealt with the arrest of the defendant Li Shing-cheung. He said that detective constable 127 Lam Kwan was walking along Queen's Road Central with Detective Sergeant 100, Sin Chuen, both of them being off duty. Turning down into Wing Woo Street a police whistle was heard lower down the street, and both hurried forward. The detectives noticed some men leaving 26, and at once gave chase, detective 100 leading. Just as the officers were outside 26 or 28, the adjoining house, one of the pursued men turned round and fired a shot; the bullet striking Sin Chuen, who, as would be given in evidence, died shortly afterwards in hospital. C 125 followed the men nearest to him, and an interchange of shots took place as they went down Wing Woo Street, the detective firing three shots and several of the robbers firing in return. At the junction of Wing Woo Street and Des Voeux Road the gang broke up and scattered, but C125 stuck to the man nearest to him. The latter swung across Des Voeux Road in a westerly direction and ran towards the Sun Company, with C125 close on his heels. The detective fired at his quarry several times as the latter crossed the roadway, one of the bullets striking and embedding itself in the wood-work of the third pillar of the Sun Company. Getting under the verandah the fugitive dashed into the

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PROPHET OF DISASTER.

American Banker on Europe's Outlook.

When in Paris recently Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, the American banker, speaking of the conditions in Europe, insisted upon the economic unity of Europe. The Continent, he said, contains more inhabitants than it can nourish, and the necessary emigration is jeopardized by existing conditions. The fallen exchanges must lead to disaster. He takes the example of Austria. Austria has need of coal and wheat, which she must buy abroad. During the winter she will find herself in a most critical situation. Her total collapse with its attendant misery must be expected, though she has managed to subsist for so long on charity.

In Germany the problem is vaster, and charity will not avail. The final fall of Germany will be swifter than that of Austria. Indeed, the German problem is the most urgent matter we now have to face. The French claims are certainly just, but it is evident that Germany cannot pay immediately the sums which are due. Whether the depreciation of the mark is voluntary or not Germany will suffer greatly. Not only does a financial collapse threaten, but there will be industrial depression, unemployment, higher prices in the interior, and serious social disorders. In demanding more France will receive less, and a ruined Germany will be a contagious example to its neighbour and to Europe generally.

In June last the prospect of a large loan was favourable in America, and France would have received her part. But it was impossible to accord credits while the reparations figure was 132,000,000,000 gold marks [£5,600,000,000]. To-day the prospect is worse, because of the plunge of the mark.

As for inter-Allied debts, America is not pleased with the arguments of Europe. The United States considers that its contribution to the war was sufficiently important to prevent anyone from contesting the character of the loans she advanced. Had the debtors stated that they were unable to pay, the conditions of reimbursement would have been easy and new loans might have been accorded. But the discussions, in throwing doubt on the altruism of the United States, have chilled American opinion. Moreover, the European nations, with the exception of England, have made no provisions in their budgets for the repayment of these debts, and it cannot be said that these debts are responsible for the situation.

His conclusion was pessimistic. "I see no remedy at present, and the horizon is overcast with clouds."

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Colonel W. Thomlinson, well-known in the Durham-steel industry, has given a collection of Oriental China, valued at £1,500, to West Hartlepool Museum.

Sun Company, and was eventually brought to the ground by his pursuer in the middle aisle, the detective throwing his arms round the man. It was the defendant Li Shing-cheung. It was at this point that the defendant dropped a revolver, which was picked up by Detective Constable 60, Mr. Hazlerigg said that the story of C125 would be corroborated by three witnesses, Mr. Rocha, Detective Constable 69 and Lam On, a watchman of the Sun Company. When brought to the Police Station a search was made of the defendant and one Mexican dollar was found in his left sock.

A Stroke of Luck.

The arrest of the defendant Chiu Nam was more a matter of pure luck than anything else, said Mr. Hazlerigg. Just after the tumult Detective Choy Ying was passing along Connaught Road, walking under the verandah towards Wing Woo Road. On reaching the east end of Sincere Company, a man rounded the corner of Wing Woo Road and passed him. Just as the man had passed, someone swung round the corner and called out "Robbers." Detective Choy Ying went after the man whom he had just passed and knocked him down with the butt of his revolver. It was the defendant Chiu Nam. In a search at the Station the police found on the defendant a chain and a gold watch, which were identified as the property of a man who called at the Kwong Tak Loong firm during the robbery. Mr. Hazlerigg concluded by saying that it was clear that at least two of the robbers were armed with revolvers. After the robbery a number of knives were found in the shop.

After taking some evidence the Magistrate adjourned the case. There are altogether 25 witnesses.

BILLIARDS.

R.G.A. v. Catholic Men's Club.

The Staff Mess of the R.G.A. won their return match against the Catholic Men's Club, played last night in the formers' club, by 45 points. Scores: C. Men's Club. R.G.A.

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Lannigan..... 100 Phillips..... 56

Brown..... 100 Taylor..... 91

Hall..... 59 Gillard..... 100

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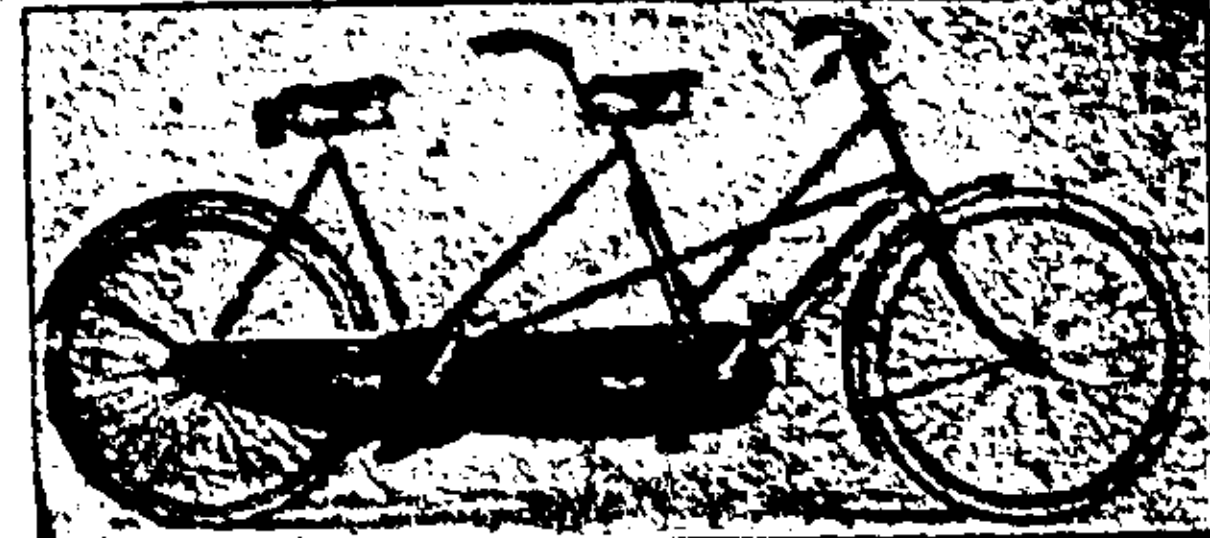
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from the Consignees before Noon
to-day requesting it to be landed
here.

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signed by the Undersigned, Goods
remaining unclaimed after Fri-
day, the 20th. Oct., at Noon, will
be subject to rent and landing
charges.

All claims must be sent in to
me on or before the 24th. inst., or
they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be
examined on Friday, the 20th.
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Peking at the end of November to
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WORLD-WIDE SPORT.

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again for Motherwell. The news
of the famous goal-getter's signa-
ture has given great satisfaction
in Motherwell, where he is very
popular. Ferguson enters his
seventh season with Motherwell,
and during his six years of First
League football has the splendid
scoring record of 188 goals to his
credit. He will be included in
Motherwell's team against Hibs
on Saturday.

The death is reported of
Alexander Grierson, who figured
in the Raith Rovers' team when
they won the Scottish Qualifying
Cup in 1907.

In the 500 yard National
Swimming Championship at
Weston-super-Mare the holder, J.
G. Hatfield, of Middlesbrough,
won by 39 yards in 5 min. 11.2-5
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In a match over the New Lon-
don course, New York, the
British professionals, George
Duncan and Abe Mitchell de-
feated Walter Hagen and Joe
Kirkwood, three up and two to
play.

In a swimming race held at
Stockholm, Arton Borg, the
famous Swedish swimmer, beat
the world's record for 1,000 yards,
his time being returned as 13
mins 15.3.5 secs.

In a football match at Stock-
holm one of the leading Stockholm
football clubs, Almqvists Idrotts-
klubben, beat Oxford University
Football Club by 4 goals to 3.

At Belfast, England defeated
Ireland in the water polo match
by 6 goals to 4. Ireland led at
the interval by 3 goals to 2, but in
the second period England re-
covered splendidly. A draw
would have fairly represented the
respective merits.

W. Mackie, the Southern
Harriers' crack sprinter and a
past inter-works champion, has
forsaken the amateur ranks and
signed for Dundee F.C. He is a
clever inside right, and, having
done good service with Arntson
Rangers, high hopes are en-
tertained for his success in senior
football.

U.S. VIEWS ON WAR DEBTS.

Summary of Arguments For
and Against.

An article in the New York
Outlook discusses the war debts
in the following terms:

The liveliest debate in interna-
tional politics to-day is that
connected with the proposed
cancellation of these war debts.

Cancellation is a very different
thing from repudiation, and
therefore a very careful distinc-
tion must be made between the
debts of the Allied Governments
to private individuals through the
sale of bonds and the debts of
Allied Governments to each other.

There is no thought that the
money which was borrowed from
private investors by the sale of
such bonds, as the well-known
Anglo-French bonds is not to be
repaid in full with interest. The
war debt which is referred to in
any discussion of so-called
cancellation is the debt of govern-
ments to governments. The
Government of Great Britain
owes the Government of the
United States about 11 billion
dollars; and other Allied Govern-
ments owe Great Britain about 16
billion dollars. The British
advocates of a cancellation point
out that their proposal cannot be
regarded as one of mere selfish-
ness, because they will forgive
others five billions more than the
United States will forgive them.

This argument, however, seems
to ignore the fact that by general
cancellation Great Britain would
sacrifice five billion dollars, while
the United States would sacrifice
11 billions.

ARGUMENTS FOR CANCELLATION.

The American advocates of
cancellation are chiefly those
who, by situation or training, feel
the great importance of the
stability of international trade and
finance. They include most of the
great international bankers, such
as Messrs. J. P. Morgan, Otto
Kahn, Paul Warburg, and Frank
Vanderlip. These gentlemen, who
speak with authority, and whose
words deserve most careful con-
sideration, point out that the
domestic finances of the United
States can never get back to
normal and stable conditions until
European finances are stabilized
and exchange returns again to
what President Harding calls
normalcy.

In effect, what they propose is
that Europe shall go through
bankruptcy proceedings; that her
war debt—except to private indi-
viduals—shall be wiped out, so
that she can begin again, with
renewed determination and cour-
age.

TWO OBJECTIONS.

There are two main arguments
in this country against this policy
of cancellation. The first is purely
material and financial, but never-
theless a just and effective one.
The war, out of which the United
States got nothing in benefits such
as colonies, ports, extended
boundary-lines, imposed on the
American people an enormous
burden of taxation.

In Michigan the State and local
taxes have increased from \$39,
000,000 in 1911 to \$158,000,000 in
1921; that in Kansas in the same
period of ten years the State and
local taxes have increased from
\$28,000,000 to \$76,000,000; that
in Massachusetts taxes have
grown from less than \$100,000,000
to over \$250,000,000; and that
taxes in Ohio have trebled.

While the tax burden is not as
severe in the United States as it
is in Europe, it is growing intoler-
able, and this is no time to cancel
foreign debts amounting to 11
billion dollars.

The second objection to can-
cellation may perhaps be called a
moral one. It is said, that while
deserving debtors are often partial-

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by or wholly forgiven their debts
in order that they may start over
again and build themselves up.
Europe has not yet proved itself
to be a deserving debtor; that the
various European Governments
are still maintaining arms, manu-
facturing munitions, and actually
fighting and killing each other,
and to some extent at least pur-
suing the policies of political
ambition, selfishness, and aggran-
dizement that led to the Great
War.

COUNTRY NOT READY FOR
CANCELLATION.

Notwithstanding the opinion of
such American financiers of in-
ternational reputation as Mr.
Morgan and Mr. Vanderlip, it is
quite apparent that the prepon-
derant sentiment of the country
is against cancellation of war
debts at the present time. The

American people are not of a
character, or in a mood, to exact
the last pound of flesh. They are
rather in the attitude of mind of
a merchant who wishes to be just
to a bankrupt debtor, and even to
hold out a helping hand to him,
but does not propose to take any
definite steps as to the settlement
until he is fully assured of the
character, industry, capacity and
good faith of the debtor. If the
Harding Administration should
at this time consent to the im-
plied request of Lord Balfour, we
do not believe that it would be
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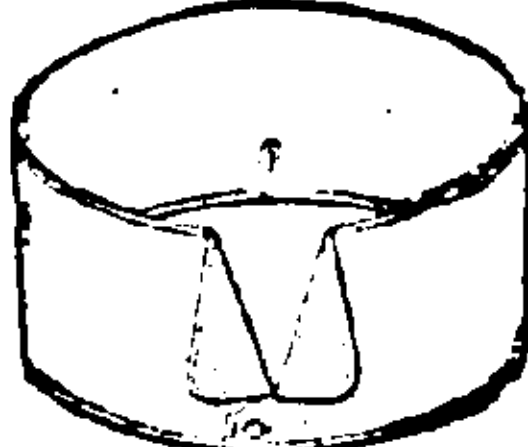
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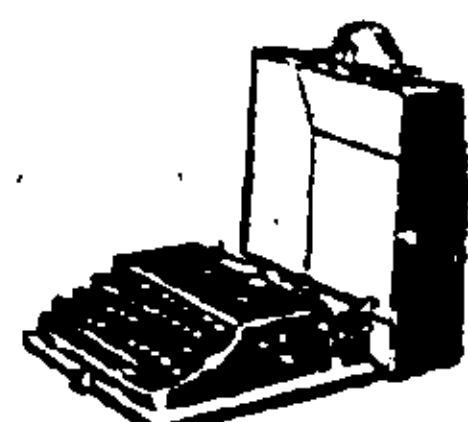
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BIRTH.

TOD—On October 19th, at 74 The Peak, Hongkong, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tod, a daughter.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 20th Oct., 1922.

THE PREMIER'S RESIGNATION.

For some days rumours of an impending change in the Ministry have been rife. The climax has been reached with dramatic suddenness, precipitated, it would appear, by the surprising result of the Newport by-election. As a result, the Conservative Party re-emerges as a distinct political entity under the leadership of Mr. Bonar Law, who, in consequence of Mr. Lloyd George tendering his resignation after the outcome of the Carlton Club meeting, has undertaken to form a Cabinet. Whether the Coalition Liberals will fall in with the proposal for continued but informal co-operation or whether an entirely new orientation of parties will be brought about, and whether Mr. Lloyd George will head a new combination or will at least temporarily retire, are matters upon which Reuters will probably enlighten us in the course of a few days, perhaps hours. For the moment it seems more fitting to say a few words regarding the remarkable man who has been directing the destinies of Empire during the six most critical years of its history.

Remarkable the Premier's, or ex-Premier's, career may truly be termed, and this were it for but a single circumstance. History records many extraordinary transitions, but it is doubtful whether anything could be formed to surpass the case of a man seeking refuge from a crowd on account of his "Little Englander" attitude towards the South African War and then growing into the Empire's champion in the greatest conflict of history. Mr. Lloyd George took charge of the helm of State in November 1916 at one of the most critical periods of the war. The great hopes from the Big Push of July of that year had largely faded; the new ally, Romania, after such an effective start as to promise large relief from the pressure in the main theatre, had to fall back stage after stage until it was necessary to destroy the famous bridge of Czernovoda to secure her retreat. Mr. Lloyd George, under these depressing conditions, had to face the prospect of a long war. Month after month, he held

on to his prodigious task, the months lengthening into years. Undaunted he faced the ordeal of the great onrush of the German legions in March 1918, which not only undid all the laborious gains of the Allies but for a while threatened to extend itself to the ports facing the Kentish coast. That advance died away as the Premier exerted himself to raise still more reinforcements, and with it the German army spent itself. On a memorable day as the year was drawing to a close the enemy's emissaries appeared at Foch's Headquarters with the thrilling announcement: "Marshal, we come to sue for peace!"

The war was over, but it left the still more stupendous task of reconstruction. Industry, unemployment, housing, a gigantic Budget, war debts, reparations, and a thousand other problems had to be faced—and they still have to be solved. What the Premier has done towards that goal may be gauged by comparing conditions in England, difficult as they are, with those of any Continental country.

Throughout his immense task Mr. Lloyd George has given evidence of an abounding vitality that has refused to acknowledge fatigue. As one commentator says: "He made his way to the front rank simply by his own force; there has been no outside help, and none of the advantages of education or name or money... the great thing about him is his vitality, the great thing and by far the best thing. It is to this that he really owes his place to-day." Hosts of writers have made the "Welsh Wizard" their theme, from the hero-worshipping Mr. Raymond to the image-breaking Col. Repington. When the definitive history comes to be written, doubtless it will reveal faults in many as, under such stress, must have happened to any mortal. It will also demonstrate that Mr. Lloyd George shouldered an Herculean task with a strength and boldness that are not given to many.

China's Famous Actor.

The visit to this Colony of the famous Chinese actor, Mei Lan-feng, serves as a reminder of the favour which the histrionic art has attained in the Republic, and especially when exemplified by Mr. Mei, whose services command a very high salary, and whose gifts attract his compatriots by the thousand. This famous actor was to have appeared in the Colony at the time of the Prince of Wales' visit, but was prevented. As in the No. 1 classic drama of Japan—derived from the Chinese—the female parts also are taken by male performers, actresses not being allowed (there has been some modification in recent years). It is in these roles that Mr. Mei excels, the suppleness of his frame and the beauty of his voice contributing to the desired effect. While Mr. Mei is able to obtain very high remuneration, he is solicitous of his art. As in most countries, the drama in China started in a humble way, "shows" being given by wandering players in barns or other improvised stage, and for a long while—here again resembling the condition of things in other lands—an atmosphere of respectability clung to actors. This survived long in England. To-day we may look at the Honour List with confidence for the name of some one distinguished in drama; rarely was any one so decorated in the Victorian era. In China the actor has for a long while now received recognition as an artist in the North. At Peking the stage is an institution, and at Shanghai, too, there is liberal appreciation. Apparently the South, so progressive in commerce, has lagged somewhat in this respect, and a leading part of Mr. Mei's mission is to awaken a due perception of the actor's place in life. The interest shown in his appearance here is a sign that he stands an excellent prospect of success.

General Smuts' Tribute.

While not disputing that the Government was right in main-

DAY BY DAY.

THE HABIT OF AGREEING SEEMS TO BE DANGEROUS AND SLIPPERY.—*Chen.*

The only case of notifiable disease reported yesterday was one of plague, from Kowloon.

There will be a tea-dance held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday next, October 25th, at 5.30 p.m., for Members and their male friends. Tickets one dollar each, to be obtained beforehand from the Secretary.—*Adet.*

Badly battered by a man at a water fountain in Elgin Street, a Chinese boy, 18 years old, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday. The boy quarrelled with his assailant over priority in obtaining water.

Tang Lui-sim, a woman living at 29, Gough Street, was robbed of property to the value of \$1,432. At 5 a.m. yesterday a man, armed with a revolver, broke into the house and among the things searched was a chest of drawers from which the major portion of the booty was stolen.

Our Picture Page to-morrow will contain photos taken at the wedding of Mr. R. A. Wilkinson and Miss Stella Solverson; a group in which Mr. Mei Lan-feng, the famous Chinese actor, appears; photos of little Misses Doris and Gladys Hunt, who swam the harbour; a group taken at the visit of Mr. C. H. Huston, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for the United States, to Sir Robert Ho Tung's residence; a photo of Mr. C. A. Grimes and his rifle prizes; and a group of Hongkong and Manila inter-colonial players.

taining its stand regarding the freedom of the Straits, the independent Liberals objected that misadventures had been shown in the method. Apparently this referred to the Cabinet's action in inviting the Dominions to send contingents should aid be required. Why such a step should be criticised in the urgent conditions that prevailed in the Near East is not easy to understand, except upon party grounds. Clearly a strong demonstration of the power to act was needed to deter the Kemalists from aggression. The enthusiastic response from Australia and New Zealand showed how ready were the colonists to rally to the scene where their brothers bled. Canada's answer was a qualified one, albeit there was no lack of would-be recruits. Now we have General Smuts, the Dutch Premier of South Africa, coming out as a very definite supporter of the Home Government, in spite of the large Boer population in opposition. "Mr. Lloyd George, if he had not done what he did, would have failed in his duty to the Dominions," said General Botha; "the Imperial Government acted with great firmness, and saved, without bloodshed, the Empire and the world from a very grave trouble." There is plenty of room for criticism of the "Welsh Wizard," but after this vindication by a Colonial statesman of General Smuts' calibre the recent criticism of the Government is appreciably discounted.

A Contrast.

In looking through the items of proposed expenditure contained in the Straits Settlements Budget we were rather struck by a sum of \$45,197 which is set aside for the Raffles Museum and Library. Our thoughts immediately flew to Hongkong's museum and library, established in the City Hall, and we wondered what measure of support our own Government gives to this institution. So far as we can see, the City Hall Trustees receive a grant of a hundred dollars a month from the Government, this sum, of course, being applicable to the whole institution and not merely to the museum and library. The Singapore Government makes no bones about spending close on \$4,000 a month on its library and museum, with the result that the place is worth patronising. Our own institution is sadly in need of attention and has all the appearance of obsolescence—it's even more antiquated than any respectable museum ought to be! Like the library, it is not a place to which one would think of going more than once. Is it not possible for the Government to take over the museum and library and run them on a proper basis?

MANSLAUGHTER CASE COLLAPSES.

Accused Discharged.

The manslaughter case at the Criminal Sessions, in which Harry Kong, licensed driver, of the Moon Garage, was charged with causing the death of an unknown coolie in a motor accident at Whitfield on Aug. 30th, ended suddenly just before the fifth interval, the Crown withdrawing and accused being discharged.

At the close of the prosecution's case this morning, Mr. Zeitlyn, who conducted the defence, submitted that there was no case to answer.

The Chief Justice held that there was a case to go to the jury on the question of excessive speed.

Mr. Zeitlyn, in a short address, said if the jury wished to hear accused, Sgt. Hallam and other witnesses he would call them.

His Lordship interrupted that it was not for the jury; it was for Mr. Zeitlyn to say whether he wished to call these witnesses.

Mr. Zeitlyn agreed, but perhaps the jury had heard sufficient and were satisfied.

Accused was then called. Kong, in the box, told the Court that it was raining heavily. They were running between 14 and 15 miles an hour and near Bay View Police Station his (accused's) car had gained a little on the car in front. He saw the driver draw very closely into the left-hand side of the road. He slowed down as if he was going to stop. Accused sounded his horn. He saw the driver in front wave his right hand, the traffic signal for him to pass. Accused passed the car ahead at between 14 and 15 miles an hour. Deceased ran from the right-hand side towards the left-hand side of the road. On the right side were a number of pillars which made it very difficult for accused to see anybody running out. The man was about ten to twelve feet from the right-hand side. Accused sounded his horn and turned to the right to try and avoid knocking the man down. Unfortunately deceased seemed to hesitate. Accused applied both brakes, but the left-hand mudguard hit deceased and knocked him down. The rear portion of the car skidded to the left, hitting deceased, and the running board scooped him up and hit the telegraph post. The pole came down and fell on the car, which was still skidding. The injured man was lying on the running board. As soon as the car stopped deceased fell off.

Sgt. Hallam, who was a passenger in the car accused was driving, gave evidence that they were travelling at 12 miles per hour. The car in front appeared to slow down and gave the usual signal to pass. Accused's car passed the one ahead at a speed of from 12 to 15 miles an hour. After they had passed they were going at between 10 and 12 miles an hour. In reply to the Judge, witness said he had just looked at the speedometer. Suddenly a man in blue clothes, witness continued, came out from right to left. He was from 10 to 12 feet from the car. Kong sounded the horn, put on both brakes and steered to the right. The car skidded violently. The rear front mudguard struck deceased. Then the rear portion of the car struck the man and at the same time collided with a telegraph post. The pole was knocked down and in falling hit witness and made him unconscious. The road at the time was clear of all traffic, both vehicular and foot. The road was very slippery and greasy. The driver did everything possible, in witness's opinion, to avoid a collision.

At this stage his Lordship intimated to the Attorney-General and the counsel for the defence that he would like to see them in chambers.

After retiring for a few minutes his Lordship, the Attorney-General and Mr. Zeitlyn returned to the Court.

His Lordship told the Attorney-General that he would have to direct the jury that they must be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that this unfortunate man met his death by the reckless driving of the accused.

The Crown had called a certain amount of evidence which spoke as to the pace at which the accused was driving. Whether that evidence was satisfactory or not would be a matter for the jury to decide. The defence, on the other hand, had called two witnesses. What his Lordship would have to direct the jury was whether they accepted the evidence for the prosecution on the subject of speed or whether they accepted the evidence of the defence, they were bound to give

THE GIESEL CASE.

Heavy Fines and Damages.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Oct. 20.

The prosecution of Albert Giesel, the German head of Giesel & Co., for alleged participation in the bottling and sale of spurious liquors has concluded. Giesel was convicted of the manufacture and sale of spurious liquors and fined Taels 3,000. He was also ordered to pay Taels 10,000 damages to Messrs. Noilly Prat, and Taels 6,000 to James Hennessy and Company; also \$1,000 to the local agents of the Noilly Prat vermouth for their expenses in preparing the case against him.

Giesel has to pay the cost of inserting advertisements of the judgment in Chinese and foreign newspapers in all cities in China; and also to pay Taels 500 as Court costs.

The Chinese Court fined Giesel Taels 800 for an offence in Chinese territory.

FORMER U. S. MINISTER.

Dangerously Ill in Shanghai.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Shanghai, Oct. 20.

Dr. Paul Reinsch (former U.S. Minister to China) is dangerously ill here.

VLADIVOSTOK CRISIS.

Civilians Ordered to Leave.

Tokyo, Oct. 20.—Special messages from Vladivostok state that the City Assembly has refused to accept responsibility for the care of arms or protection of the Consulates. General Dietrichs has ordered all civilians to leave the city for China on ships commandeered therefor. Reports also state that the Japanese Commander has moved his headquarters aboard a transport.

Peking, Oct. 20.—The Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Vladivostok has telegraphed to the Government requesting the dispatch of a warship for the protection of Chinese residents. The Cabinet this morning resolved to instruct the Minister of Navy to send two warships, and the Government has telegraphed to the Tschun of Heilungkiang ordering the dispatch of reinforcements to the border in order to prevent the routed Russians from entering the Province.

A representative of the Far Eastern Republic in Peking has informed the Government that two vessels of the Russian Volunteer Fleet have left Vladivostok for Chefoo. He requests the Government to detain them if they enter a Chinese port.—*Reuter.*

THE CANTON LOAN.

Peking Government Moves.

Peking, Oct. 20.—In connection with recent reports of the British Loan in Canton, the Government has drawn the attention of the Legation to the Government's standing attitude towards provincial loans.—*Reuter.*

the accused the benefit of the doubt. The evidence for the prosecution on the subject of speed did not seem altogether satisfactory. Whilst the Crown had undoubtedly performed a very proper duty in bringing the matter to the consideration of the jury, the Crown had done all that was necessary and his Lordship was of the opinion that the jury should not be required to give a verdict.

The Attorney-General said he did not think he could have asked the jury to convict in this case. Accused was accordingly discharged.

RECORD AND PAY OFFICES TO AMALGAMATE.

It has been decided to amalgamate Record Offices and Regimental Pay Offices, except in the case of Household Cavalry, Foot Guards, Record Offices situated in the War Office and the smaller Record Offices.

FUKIEN AFFAIRS.

Fuchow Recaptured.

A Peking telegram states that it was decided at a meeting of the Cabinet to abolish the Tsuchunshup of Fukien and to appoint Admiral Jih Chen-ping as superintendent for the reorganization of military affairs. The mandate against Shu Shi-tung has been cancelled.

Our Canton correspondent says an official report has been received to the effect that Fuchow has been recaptured by Li Hou-chi's forces. Immediately after General Yip Kue's arrival in Canton, a general meeting of high officials was called by General Chan King-ming with regard to the relief of Fukien. It is stated that General Yip agreed to accept the post of Military Director in that province. A report states that already over 8,000 Cantonese troops have entered Fukienese territory.

The Press Society in Canton has requested the Government not to censor reports from Fukien, it being added that orders will be obeyed as to the nature of the news to be published.

POLO.

Interesting Game To-morrow.

A further polo match has been arranged for to-morrow afternoon for the benefit of the visiting team from Manila. A team representing the Hongkong Civilian will turn out, the game starting at four o'clock. It is to be regretted that Mr. McPherson will be unable to play for the Manila team, which will be same which played the Interpol game against Hongkong on Wednesday. It was hoped to put out four entirely new players for Hongkong on Saturday, but as it is feared that such a team would be too weak for the visitors, Mr. Boyd has been included. The teams will be as follows:—
Manila.—Mr. Nelson, Capt. Ball, Mr. C. P. White (Captain), and Major Howell.
Hongkong.—Mr. P. A. Cor, Mr. C. C. Boyd (Captain), Mr. J. G. Lyon, and Mr. W. D. Fiddes-Wilson.

BRITISH GOVERNMENTS.

Changes in Fifty Years

With the close of the Lloyd George Administration, it is interesting to recall that he has been Prime Minister for six years. The Administrations, together with the Prime Ministers, for the past fifty years, have been as follows:—

1858-74.—W. E. Gladstone (Liberal).
1874-80.—Earl of Beaconsfield (Conserv.).
1880-85.—W. E. Gladstone (Liberal).
1885-86.—Marquess of Salisbury (Conserv.).
1886-92.—Marquess of Salisbury (Conserv.).
1892-94.—W. E. Gladstone (Liberal).
1894-95.—Earl of Rosebery (Liberal).
1895-1902.—Marquess of Salisbury (Conserv.).
1902-05.—A. J. Balfour (Conserv.).
1905-08.—Campbell Bannerman (Liberal).
1908-15.—H. H. Asquith (Liberal).
1915-16.—H. H. Asquith (Coalition).
1916-1918.—D. Lloyd George (Coalition).
1918-1922.—D. Lloyd George (Coalition).

HOW GERMAN PRICES ARE FIXED.

An Englishman in Cologne writes:—I had an opportunity of seeing how the local firms keep their prices on a level with the "value." In many instances firms use their pre-war prices as a standard, and as the mark depreciates, an index-number is fixed, by which the standard prices are multiplied. Thus an article which cost one mark before the war, multiplied by the present index-number—in one case sixty—would cost sixty marks to-day. The trouble lies in the fact that, whereas prices rise at once in sympathy with the exchange, they are not lowered when the exchange falls.

GUNNER FINED.

Trouble on a Tramcar.

Gunner E. Lingane, 38th Co., R.G.A., appeared on remand at the Magistracy this morning, on charges of refusing or avoiding the payment of his fare whilst travelling on tram 53, of obstructing an official of the Hongkong Tramway Company, and of tampering with the driving handle of the car.

Mr. M. H. Turner prosecuted on behalf of the Hongkong Tramway Company. The facts of the case, as disclosed by the evidence, were that about 10 p.m. on the 5th inst. the defendant boarded the tram at the Whitty Street terminus and went straight on to Causeway Bay. He paid his fare for this ride, though the conductor had some trouble when asking him to do so. Without alighting, the defendant returned to the town by the same tram, and refused to pay his fare, despite the repeated requests of the conductor. When the car pulled up outside the No. 2 Police Station, a report was made to Sergeant Portation and the latter went up to the defendant and asked him the reason for his refusal. The explanation which the Sergeant received was that a European tramway inspector had boarded the tram and taken away the defendant's military ticket. Advice failing to induce the man to change his attitude, Sergeant Portation asked the defendant for his name and was told it was Gunner T. Sullivan, Wellington Barracks. From the Police Station to Post Office defendant gave the motorman a deal of trouble by tampering with the driving handle and ordering the motorman to stop when he had no intention of leaving the car. He finally alighted at the Post Office. On the 7th inst. Sergeant Portation and the motorman attended an identification parade on the Murray Parade Ground and both identified the defendant.

Gunner Lingane said that he had no recollection of the incident at all. On the 5th he left the barracks at 6 p.m. and went to the King Edward Hotel where he stayed for three hours. What happened afterwards he could not remember. The Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) said that there was no doubt that the defendant took excessive drunks and made himself objectionable on the tram. Of the summonses the one for interfering with the control of the car was the most serious. He fined the defendant altogether \$25.

FLASHES FROM THE STATES.

The average woman has a vocabulary of only eight hundred words. It is a small stock, but think of the turnover. *Outland Tribune.*

Each European nation would be glad to have peace if it had some assurance that peace wouldn't benefit the other fellow. *—Manitoba News.*

As nearly as we can figure it, a living wage is pay sufficient to enable you to strike a couple of months each year for a living wage. *—New York Tribune.*

Unable after seven hundred years to lick Ireland, the English are now wisely letting the Irish do it. *—New York Tribune.*

GENERAL NEWS.

SAVING THE UNEMPLOYED FROM CRIME.

The Shanghai Commercial Federation has requested the members of the Chinese Advisory Committee to approach the Shanghai Municipal Council with a view to the establishment of an industrial training institution for the unemployed in order to give these persons a chance to earn an honest living and thus save them from engaging in a life of crime.

SHANGHAI CRICKETER FOR INDIA.

Sporting circles in Shanghai have sustained a great loss through the departure of the str. Nanking of Mr. G. H. Bhooora. He is travelling as far as Hongkong on that steamer and will tranship there and proceed to Calcutta. Mr. Bhooora has intimated that he is leaving Shanghai for good, and if so his absence from the cricket field will be felt greatly especially by the Parsee C. C. Mr. Bhooora has been a resident of Shanghai for about five years. *—N. C. Daily News, Oct. 14.*

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

Inter-House Swimming Sports.

These sports were held at the V.R.C. yesterday afternoon, the four houses (Brown, Blue, Yellow and Green) competing against each other. A boy who got a first in a race scored five points for his house; a second scored three points. In the team race a first scored five, a second three and a third one. There were no prizes.

Brown House scored a total of 27 points; Blue House, 32 points; Yellow House 3 points; Green House, 36 points.

Thus Green House proved to be Cock House on the afternoon's sport. The results, however, are not final. In addition to these points all boys can score points for their Houses as follows:—A boy who can swim two lengths scores five points. A boy who can swim one length scores three points. A boy who can swim one breadth scores one point.

During the interval, 3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Staff, Prefects and House Committees had tea and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Committee and Secretary of the V.R.C. and cheers for the Staff and House Committees.

Senior Events.

The following were the results: Two Lengths.—1. Kossjothin; 2. E. Zimmerman.

Eight Lengths.—1. E. Zimmerman; 2. Cheung Yee-wing.

Two Lengths (Breast).—1. Kossjothin; 2. P. Pau.

One Length (Back).—1. Cheung Yee-wing; 2. Kossjothin.

Low Dive.—1. Wong Kam-cheung; 2. Cheung Yee-wing.

High Dive.—1. Gutierrez; 2. Chan Hing-kui.

Team Race (Four boys, two lengths each boy).—1. Brown House; 2. Green House; 3. Blue House.

JUNIOR EVENTS.

Two Lengths.—1. Remedios; 2. Stradmoor.

Four Lengths.—1. Remedios; 2. Edwards.

One Length (Breast).—1. Hamilton; 2. Remedios.

Low Dive.—1. Wong Kam-pui; 2. Wong Kam-cheung.

Team Race (Four boys, two lengths each boy).—1. Blue House; 2. Green House; 3. Brown House.

Houses. Firsts. Seconds. Thirds.

Brown 4 2 1

Blue 5 2 1

Yellow — 1 1

Green 3 7 —

CINEMA NOTES.

For Kipling Lovers.

Of all the collections of Rudyard Kipling's works that may be made in the future none will contain one of his most recent achievements—the wonderful screen story which he has called "Without Benefit of Clergy."

There is only one way for lovers of Kipling to make sure of not missing it and that is to go along and book a seat at the Coronet where it is being shown daily to delighted audiences.

"False Faces."

An absorbing melodrama called "False Faces" is the special attraction that is being offered to Kowloonites this evening at the Kowloon Theatre. The fact that it is a Paramount Artcraft picture ensures that a high standard will be preserved throughout its seven fascinating reels of mystery and romance.

"Pitfalls of a Big City."

This is the title of a striking William Fox drama which is to be screened at the World Theatre for two days only to-day and to-morrow. Gladys Brockwell has the leading part as Molly Moore, whilst William Scott takes the role of Jerry Sullivan. The story is one showing the transformation wrought in the character of a crooked girl. The next big attraction at the World will be "Life's a Funny Proposition."

BOLSHEVIC PROPAGANDA IN CHINA.

The interesting statement that Chinese students at three universities in Japan have "turned Red" in order to avail themselves of funds provided by the Eastern propaganda department of the Bolsheviks in Shanghai, is published by the Shanghai *Nichi Nichi*. The report adds that eight students have been arrested in Tokyo for having published inflammatory circulars.

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR.

French Reply to Chancellor Wirth.

In answering to a statement of Chancellor Wirth, who tried to shift the responsibility of the war from Germany, M. Viviani, French Premier in 1914, repeats the message he sent to Petersburg on July 30th, 1914: "The Parley who are started by the Powers is interested in the conflict, leaves us the hope that peace may be preserved. Owing to this fact I consider it timely for Russia when taking measures towards her defence, not to make any step which may be taken by Germany as a pretext for a full or partial mobilization of her force."

Russian mobilization, declared "War danger," which is equivalent to a mobilization.

France was by this time in such a pacific state of mind that she ordered her troops to withdraw ten kilometres from the German border.

The German ambassador in Paris, Herr von Schoen was wiring to his government on July 29th, the following: "The best remedy, according to the opinion of M. Viviani, is to proceed to a mediation action, as quickly as possible under any form. M. Viviani refuses to give up the hope to maintain peace, which is the sincere desire here."

Another message of M. von Schoen dated August 1st, reads in part as follows: "M. Viviani could not repudiate the hope that the peace can be safeguarded."

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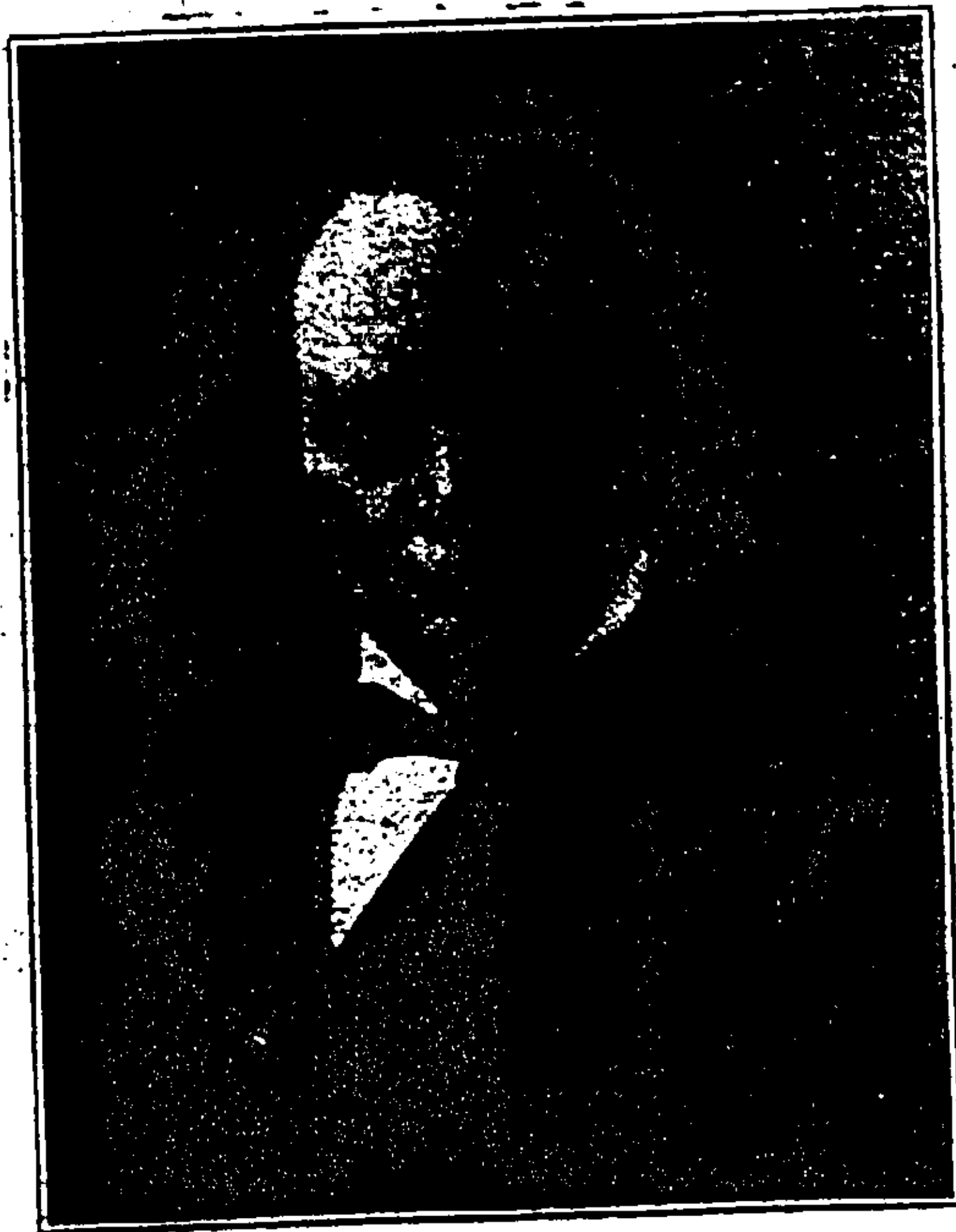
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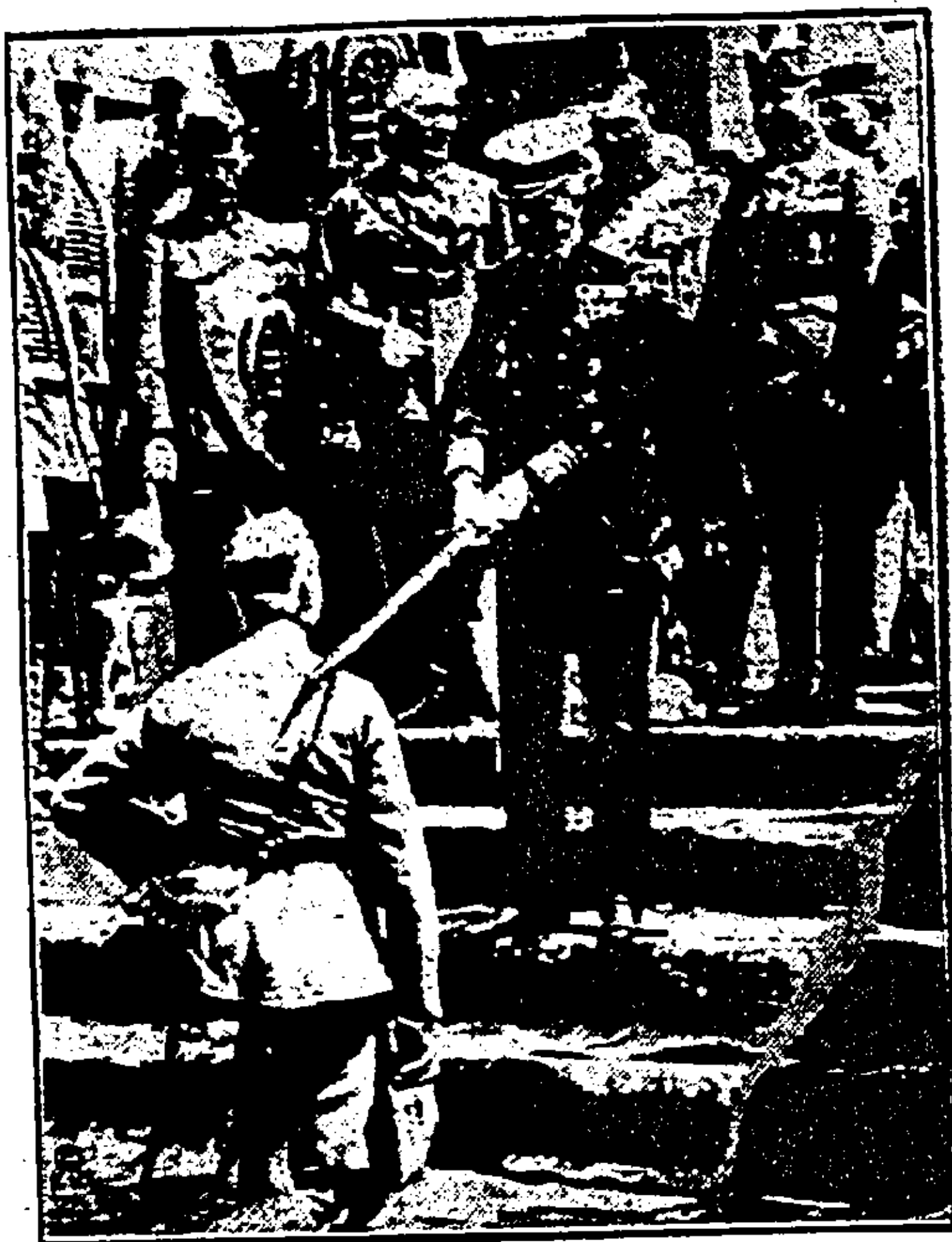
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CAMERA NEWS



Mr. Winston Churchill, who has just undergone an operation for appendicitis.



Admiral Von Horthy, Regent of Hungary, dubbing one of the 740 war heroes upon whom he bestowed the order of knighthood at a recent session of Hungary's new order of chivalry.



Makes you dizzy just to look at the photograph of these young men perched on Overhanging Rock in Yosemite National Park.



A. Reich, Detroit, scores a spectacular leap, clearing the bar at 12 feet.



Field Marshal Hindenburg, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the German Presidency.



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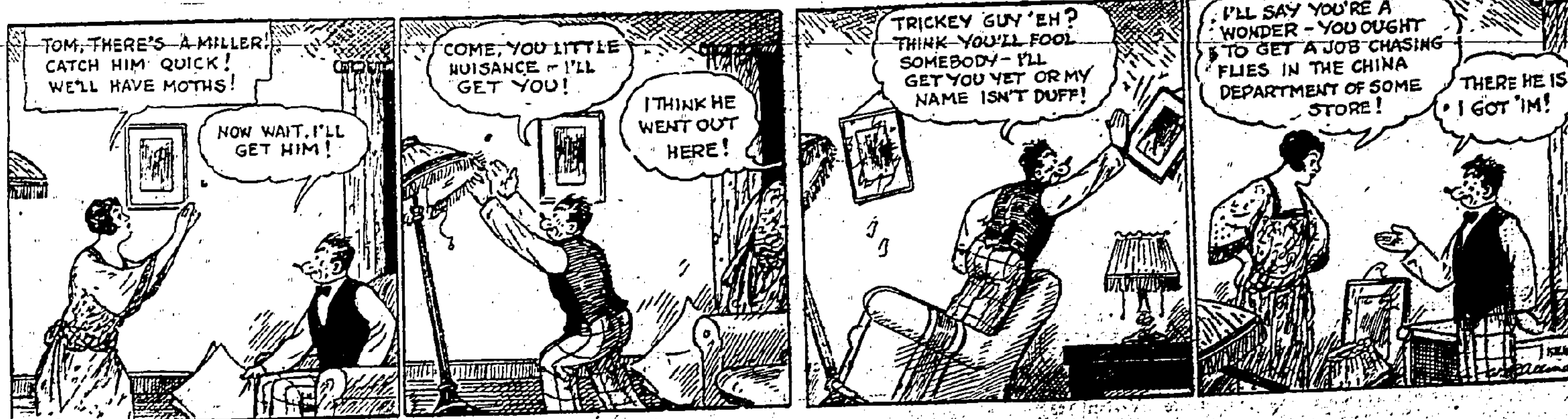


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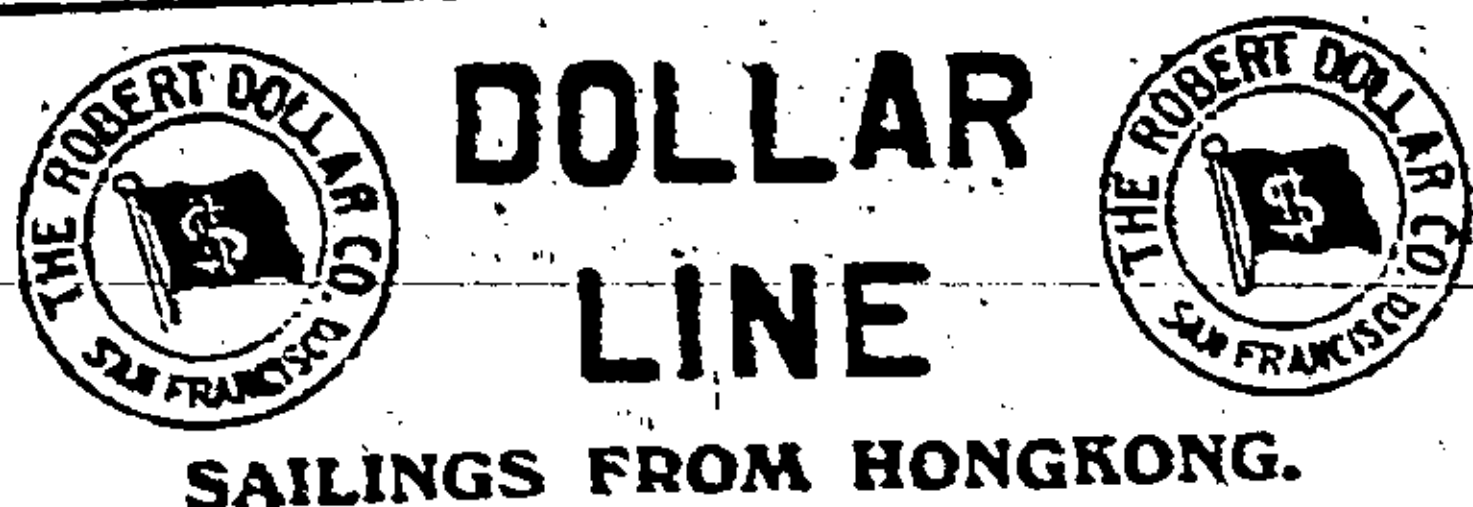
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

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DEMAND FOR BRITISH COAL.

The demand for British coal from the United States has exceeded anticipations. In August the orders placed for British coal exceeded one million tons, and that of this quantity nearly one-half was for South Wales coals. In the last few days of July and the first week in August American buying was practically suspended, but it afterwards became very active, and it is now estimated that the contracts placed exceed two million tons, of which the greater part is for shipment from South Wales ports, states Barclay's Bank report for September, which continues: "The pressure at the South Wales docks during the past three weeks has been phenomenal. Both outputs and tonnage have responded to the demand. The production in the South Wales coalfield has been restored to practically the pre-war level of about 1,100,000 tons per week, while so great has been the supply of shipping that the docks have been unable to accommodate it. In the circumstances the Great Western Railway Company, which is now in complete control of the South Wales docks, has been compelled to adopt stringent regulations to prevent chaos and inefficiency in the shipment of coal. Vessels are not allowed to enter the docks except in cases where tips have been allocated to them, and collieries have been prevented from forwarding coals beyond the junctions unless they have tonnage in berth ready to ship the coal. These regulations have been justified by the results. The output of the coal-tipping appliances has exceeded those for any other period since the war, and temporarily the United States has become the chief destination for the export of South Wales coals. The weekly shipments to that country have already reached from 110,000 to 150,000 tons, and at these figures America is absorbing approximately 30 per cent. of the foreign trade of the Bristol Channel ports."

